

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

1. For purpose of compacting prosecution of the application, a telephone interview with Applicant's representative, Eric P. Jensen (Registration No. 37,647), was initiated by examiner on November 03, 2010. A proposed amendment as shown in Examiner's amendment below was discussed.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Eric P. Jensen (Registration No. 37,647) on November 4, 2010.

The claims of the invention are amended as follows:

61. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method comprising:
comparing, by a media player device ~~processing device~~, each of a plurality of user profiles with a target user profile of a first user associated with [[a]] the media player device;

selecting, by the media player device ~~processing device~~, a matching user profile from the plurality of user profiles;

selecting a playlist of a matching user associated with the matching user profile,
wherein a plurality of playlists including the selected playlist are stored by at least one
server, each of the plurality of playlists is a playlist of one of a plurality of users including
the matching user, and each of the plurality of users is associated with one of the
plurality of user profiles; and

requesting, by the media player device, delivery of the selected playlist of the
matching user from the at least one server ~~delivering the playlist to the media player~~
~~device.~~

63-64. (Cancelled).

66-67. (Cancelled).

68. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[63]] 61 wherein the at least one server comprises a central server.

69. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[63]] 61 wherein the at least one server comprises a plurality of peer media player devices forming a Peer-to-Peer (P2P) network.

72. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[63]] 61 further comprising automatically updating the playlist at the media player device in response to a change made to the playlist by the matching user.

73. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[63]] 61 further comprising filtering the playlist to remove at least one item that is not compatible with the media player device.

74. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[63]] 61 further comprising filtering the playlist to remove at least one item that is not compatible with a location of the media player device.

75. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[63]] 61 further comprising editing the playlist at the media player device to further include items played in excess of a threshold rate at the media player device.

76. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[63]] 61 further comprising editing the playlist at the media player device to remove items played less than a threshold rate at the media player device.

77. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[63]] 61 wherein the media player device is a dedicated media player device.

78. (Currently Amended) A media player device comprising:
a communications interface communicatively coupling the media player device to a network; and

a control system associated with the communications interface and adapted to:
compare each of a plurality of user profiles with a target user profile of a first user associated with the media player device;
select a matching user profile from the plurality of user profiles;
request delivery of a playlist of a matching user associated with the matching user profile from a server storing the playlist to the media player device, wherein a plurality of playlists including the playlist are stored by the server, each of the plurality of playlists is a playlist of one of a plurality of users including the matching user, and each of the plurality of users is associated with one of the plurality of user profiles; and
play at least a portion of a song identified on the playlist of the matching user.

88-92. (Cancelled).

3. Claims 61 and 78 are allowed.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

With respect to claims 61 and 78, prior art of record, individually or in combination, fails to teach or suggest the features of claimed limitations thereof. Specially, inter alia, it fails to teach or suggest a method and a media player device, wherein the media player device: compares and matches each of a plurality of user profiles with a user profile of a user associated with the media player device, selects a matched profile, selects a playlist of a matching user of the matched user profile, and

requests delivery of the selected playlist of the matching user to the media player device from a server.

Claims 62, 68-70, 72-87 further limit the allowed claims, therefore they are also allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to OANH DUONG whose telephone number is (571)272-3983. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday- Friday, 9:30PM - 6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wing Chan can be reached on (571) 272-7493. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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